



Cannington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at
7.00pm on Tuesday 13th January 2015 in Cannington Village Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Parish Councillors: Mike Phillips, Mrs Lynda Laird, Mrs Sheila Allen, Brian Stother, Alan Beasley, Alan Davey, Lawrence Greenslade, David Greenslade and Mrs Sarah Jansons

Chair: Colin Allen

Sedgemoor District Councillors: Mrs Ann Bown and Ian Dyer

Somerset County Councillor: John Edney

Clerk: Tina Gardener and Patricia Willis

Members of the public: 12

Public Session

A resident of Bowling Green raised concerns about the new Premises Licence for Cannington Court and in particular the playing of live music from 12.00pm to 12.00am on Saturdays and Sundays. The Parish Council has already responded to the application.

A member of the public read out a statement from the member of the public who caused a disturbance at the meeting held in December 2014. If the meeting had been cancelled rather than suspended then the situation would have been very different, it would have been an inconvenience for everyone else that had come wanting to take part but the police would not have been needed and an arrest would not have been made. SDC Cllr Ian Dyer commented that he thought a difficult and sensitive situation had been handled very well.

It was commented that Quarry Lorries were operating before 7.00am. Times and Registrations have been provided and the Clerk will make enquiries with the Quarry.

It was suggested that the Parish Council has been too lenient in the past with the public session and should limit each speaker to 3 minutes in accordance with the Standing Orders.

Footpath BW5/8 Chads Hill to Sandy Lane – A member of the public asked if this was being kept open while the bypass was being constructed. Cllr Mrs L Laird will raise this at the Community Forum meeting and Chairman Colin Allen will contact Geoff Calenzo Project Manager for the bypass.

A member of the public asked why planning 13/14/00030 for Southbrook Field was showing as under consideration on the SDC planning website when a decision was made in November 2014. This may be due to the S106 agreements not having been finalised yet.

Council Session

01/01/15 Apologies for Absence There were no apologies for absence.

02/01/15 Declarations of Members Interests Cllrs Alan Davey and David Greenslade declared an interest in agenda item 05/01/15 for planning application 13/14/00061.

03/01/15 Minutes of Meetings held on 9th December 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2014 were approved.

04/01/15 Matters Arising

1. 04/12/14 Parish notice boards.
2. 04/12/14 Lengthsman.
3. 04/12/14 Black Poplar – A new date of 10th February 2015 has been set for felling the Black Poplar. SCC has offered a goodwill gesture of £500 towards the cost of the previous aborted mission.
4. 04/12/14 Website – Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird will circulate proposals to all Councillors
5. 04/12/14 Bank repairs, Jubilee Gardens – Three tenders have been received for the proposed works. Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed that we proceed with the grant application to Viridor; this was seconded by Cllr Alan Davey and agreed by a majority with one abstention. Vice Chairman Mike Phillips offered to complete the grant application.
6. 06/12/14 New Premises Licence, Cannington Court - The Clerk has responded to the grant application as agreed at the last meeting; minute reference 06/12/14.
7. 11/12/14 Sharks Lane Playing Field – The playing field car park was refurbished over the Christmas holiday by Smilers who only charged for materials used. The Clerk will write a letter of thanks to Smilers. A revised valuation for the playing fields has been received from the Valuation Office to reflect the 'marriage value'. Councillors agreed not to disclose this value to Sedgemoor District Council. The Clerk will contact Tim Mander SDC for a revised purchase price.

05/01/15 Planning matters

New planning applications

1. **13/14/00057/RM** – Listed Building Consent for display of way finding signs/markers at Cannington Court, Church Street for EDF Energy. After discussions Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed to support the application this was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously.
2. **13/14/00058/RM** – Display of 7 non-illuminated free-standing signs, 9 non-illuminated fascia signs, 46 non-illuminated pergola mounted way markers, 1 monolith multimedia sign, 3 non-illuminated pole mounted signs and

two non-illuminated finger post signs at Cannington Court, Church Street, Cannington for EDF Energy. After discussions Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed to support the application subject to Highway and Personal Safety regarding the position of Signpost no 1. This was seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird and agreed by a majority including one abstention.

3. **13/14/00060/SH** – Proposed single story rear extension to store for new Post Office and alteration to windows and entrance door to store at 12 High Street, Cannington for Gilletts Callington Ltd. After discussions Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Alan Beasley and agreed unanimously on the following grounds; there is no adverse impact and no visual impact, it will create employment within the village and maintain an essential facility for the village.
4. **13/14/00061/LE** – Erection of storage building, formation of associated hard-standing and alterations to the access and highway on land at Tincknells Fuel, Main Road, Cannington for Wollens Ltd. After discussions Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons proposed to oppose the application as it removes the facility of a café for the village and there is insufficient access and circulation space for existing businesses; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird. Cllr Brian Stother moved an amendment to include that the application is outside the development boundary; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen and agreed by a majority, three councillors abstained.
5. **13/14/00062/RM** – Retrospective listed building consent for repairs and alterations to Cannington Court and the energy building; and the installation of security measures across the Cannington Court Estate for EDF Energy. Cllr Alan Beasley proposed to support the application subject to English Nature approval; this was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

Cllr Brian Stother resigned from the Planning subcommittee.

Planning application decided

1. **13/14/00059** – Application for non-material minor amendment to planning application 13/14/00047 to relocate the equipment within the toddler area, amend positioning of swings and surfacing in the Junior area, and inclusion of chicane entrance to MUGA and reduce tarmac area at Cannington Playing Fields to the rear of Birch Close, Cannington for Cannington Parish Council. **Permission granted.**

Planning application withdrawn

1. **13/14/00055/CG** – Erection of six dwellings, demolition of two existing two dwellings on land at 4 and 6 Gurney Street, Cannington TA5 2HW for Cannington PCC.

06/01/15 Neighbourhood Plan Update

Of the £7,000 grant awarded by the Community Development Foundation £6175 has been spent. We were originally given £6,300 (90%) and so £125 will have to be returned as the grant closed on 31st December 2014.

The website is good and very easy to use.

There are currently three online surveys; the community survey has had a very good response, the surveys for youth and business have had poor responses. We have awarded 2 £10 amazon gift cards to encourage the youth to respond to the survey and there will be a further 3 awarded at the end of January when all the surveys finish. A reminder letter is being sent to all businesses to encourage them to complete the commercial survey.

A leaflet consultation is also being carried out which will conclude at the end of January.

The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Parish Council on 19th January 2015.

07/01/15 Cannington Bypass Update

At the monthly update meeting with the Parish Council it was reported that the scheme is going well with no anticipated delays and a completion expected early 2016.

08/01/15 Flood Alleviation Scheme Update

The Environment Agency have planned a drop in session at the United Reformed Church on 29th January 2015 from 3pm to 8pm to share their plans for the scheme. It is anticipated that planning will be submitted in February 2015.

09/01/15 Highways and Parking Issues

Parking Issues – On 22nd December 2014 Steve Deakin Parking Services Manager SCC met with the Chairman and Clerk to look at parking issues along the High Street and Brook Street between the two sets of shops. The area of concern related mainly to Brook Street near the Newsagents. Overall the restrictions within Cannington were being respected. Whilst contraventions were observed they all related to 5 minute “stop and shops” adjacent to the relevant shops. With a high level of compliance it would be difficult for SCC to justify the presence of a civil enforcement officer to move vehicles on at all times. The full report has been circulated to Councillors and can be found on the Parish website.

Traffic Calming Measures – The Chairman has received a leaflet from Alyn Jones SCC ‘Small Improvement Schemes Advisory Leaflet - Traffic Calming’. This will be circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Brin Stother proposed to meet before the NHP Steering Group meeting on 19th January 2015 at 7.00pm and those councillors present would be able to implement a way forward. This was seconded by Cllr Mike Phillips and agreed unanimously.

It was reported that flooding is still occurring at the bottom of Rodway between the War Memorial and the College. County Highways are making arrangements to clear out the gully pots on Rodway.

There may be a need for an additional street light in Brook Street between the Newsagent and the junction with East Street. Concerns were raised that the surface of the roundabout at Sandford Corner was breaking up.

10/01/05 Finance and Staffing Committee

The Finance and Staffing met on 17th December 2014. They discussed staffing levels and to improve efficiency there will only be one clerk present at monthly meetings and to amend the manning of the office so that there is no duplication. This will

not affect the opening hours of the office or the service to the public. Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird proposed to support these changes; this was seconded by Cllr Mrs Sheila Allen and agreed unanimously. The budget for 2015/16 was also discussed and a few minor amendments were made to the budget that had been discussed at the December meeting.

11/01/15 Financial Matters

1. **Payments Due** – The following cheques to be approved for payment

Name of Payee	Description of cheque	Cheque No.	Amount
Additional payments made since the last meeting: -			
Cannington Village Hall	Hire of Parish Community Room (£230.00) and Council monthly meeting (£20.00)	S/O	£250.00
1 st Cannington Cubs	NHP – Donation to Scouts for delivering leaflets	002884	£100.00
Joan Salmon	NHP – Refreshments & Stationery	002885	£18.00
Robert Popplewell	NHP – Additional work to website	002886	£120.00
Choice Stationery Supplies	NHP - Brother ink cartridges	002887	£68.39
Tina Gardener	NHP – Stationery, postage & gift cards	002888	£105.72
Courtyard Press	NHP – Printing costs	002889	£179.00
Patricia Villis	December Salary	002890	£306.28
Tina Gardener	Clerk's salary for December plus £268.25 for additional hours for NHP	002891	£747.45
BT	Internet Services Dec 14 to Feb 15	DD	£104.40
The following payments are due: -			
Sedgemoor District	Supply and fit two dog bins	002892	£334.85
Greenslades Grounds Maintenance	Grounds maintenance contract for December 2014	002893	£914.03
Somerset Rural Youth Project	Service Level Agreement – October to December 2014	002894	£1,250.00
Mr M Miller	Cancellation of reserved burial plot 1597	002895	£75.00
Smilers Sand & Stone	Playing field car park refurbishment	002896	£252.00
Cannington in Bloom	Grant for Public Liability Insurance (agreed after min 12/01/15)	002897	£70.00
BT	Phone services Jan – Mar 15	DD	£72.24

2. **The accounts for December 2014** have been circulated to all councillors and agreed as a true record.
3. **Forecast for 2014/15** a revised forecast has been circulated to all councillors.
4. **The Budget for 2015/16** has been updated with the recommendations from the Finance and Staffing Committee and circulated to all councillors.
5. **Precept for 2015/16** – After considering the updated budget it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Sarah Jansons, seconded by Cllr Mrs Lynda Laird and agreed unanimously to keep the precept for 2015/16 at £40,000.

12/01/15 Posts of Responsibility – reports where applicable

- a. Allotments – The Deputy Clerk reported that there were 5 allotment rents outstanding.
- b. Brook – Cllr A Davey.
- c. Cannington in Bloom (CiB) – Cllr Mrs L Laird reported that CiB had put in a request for a grant of £70 for their Public Liability Insurance which was agreed unanimously. CiB would like to put barrier baskets on the railings of footpaths alongside the Village Hall and from Fore Street to Conway Road; Councillors supported this subject to any necessary permission required.
- d. Cemetery – Cllr A Beasley reported that the additional hedging along the right hand frontage would be completed by next week. The gate hinge still requires repairs.
- e. College – Cllr Mrs S Allen reported that the bus stops are being monitored by wardens. College staff are also patrolling wider areas of the village. At present the bus shelter in High Street is being opened every morning and closed every evening by College staff. It has been noted that there have been a number of people waiting at the bus stop early in the morning before the shelter is open. It was agreed to keep the bus shelter open for a trial period. Cllr Mrs Allen will notify the College.
- f. Emergency Planning including flooding – Chairman Colin Allen has the emergency phone. The sluice gate at the weir is still down.
- g. Jubilee Gardens – Cllr Mrs L Laird reported there were moles in Jubilee Gardens. The Clerk will contact a Pest Controller.
- h. Playing fields/amenities – Cllr A Davey reported that there were also moles in the playing field.
- i. Somerset Association of Local Clerks.
- j. Speedwatch Traffic monitoring – Cllr B Stother reported that the police will be providing new sleeved tabards for the speedwatch team. There were 7 outings in December with 31 speeders recorded out of 1572 vehicles. The top speed recorded was 52 mph.
- k. Village Hall – Cllr D Greenslade reported that the application to the CIM fund was progressing well. Concerns have been raised regarding the noise from the youth club on a Monday evening.
- l. Youth – Cllr L Greenslade. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with SRYP to discuss the noise issues and to get a progress report.

13/01/15 Matters of Report

Christmas lights in Jubilee Gardens – Congratulations must go to all those involved with the lights, it was well planned and the display was excellent. Thank you to David Greenslade for the loan of his vehicles.

The latest Transport Forum meeting was held on 11th December 2014 and attended by Cllr Alan Beasley who reported that there are 144 road improvement schemes planned for Bridgwater. There are currently 90 HGV movements through Cannington each week day. An identification number has been added to the rear of all Hanson vehicles. The HGV and bus tracking system is in place and working well. Added safety features are being added to HGV's mainly to ensure cycle safety at a cost of £5,000 per vehicle. Cycle Routes - The Bridgwater to Cannington route design is near completion, and the Cannington to Combwich design is complete. Discussions and a feasibility study are taking place on the Combwich to Hinkley Point route.

The Bridgwater College 10 year merger celebration took place on 11th December 2014. Chairman Colin Allen was invited to plant one of ten trees.

The next Quantock Cluster meeting will be held on 27th January 2015 at Nether Stowey Village Hall.

The next SALC meeting will be held on Thursday 12th February 2015 at Brent Knoll Village Hall.

S106 Agreement for 16 dwellings on land to the east of Main Road. SDC has requested the Parish Council to instruct a solicitor to deal with the transfer of the public open space to the Parish Council (and a commuted sum for maintenance).

Landscapes of Power: The Archaeology and History of Hinkley Point exhibition at the County Museum from 17th January to 11th April 2015.

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RoWIP) Consultation to 10th March 2015.

14/01/15 Items for the next meeting

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Vacancy on Planning sub group

15/01/15 Date and Time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th February 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed Date

